



## JMCTC Supports LION FOCUS 07, Experiments in Dragoon Base III, and Prepares for SHARP FOCUS 07

**LION FOCUS (LF07) Execution.** Participants began arriving for LF07 on 4 Dec 06 for in-processing, training, and preparation for the exercise. The actual exercise execution dates were 11-14 Dec 06. LF07 was the SETAF, Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) supported, ramp-up for Exercise SHARP FOCUS 07 (SF07). There were about 500 participants in LF07. As typical for this type of exercise, about half of the participants were in the control group. It was a planning exercise, driven by the Joint Conflict and Tactical Simulation (JCATS) simulation and a Master Scenario Event List (MSEL). There were over 30 coalition participants from the United Kingdom, Germany, and France. They provided realistic training with the associated challenges of operating in a multinational environment. There were also nearly 20 participants from the EUCOM Joint Enabling Team (JET). This was the first exercise that the recently formed JET has participated in with Army personnel as the core of the training audience. As integral members of the SETAF-based Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Headquarters, the JET contributions to the planning effort were significant and well received. BCTP provided the analysts for the exercise and facilitated the After Action Review (AAR). The exercise ran 12 hours a day and allowed for all participants to train their respective roles and functions in preparation for exercise SHARP FOCUS 07 (SF07) which will be conducted this month with a continuation of the same scenario. SF07 inclusive dates are 16-30 Jan 07 with the execution dates being 22-30 Jan 07. SF07 is a CDR USEUCOM directed, Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC) (from JFCOM in Suffolk, VA) supported, and USAREUR-led exercise with SETAF as the primary training audience. The goal of SF07 is to certify SETAF as the core of a JTF Headquarters. SF07 will be a 24-hour exercise with many more participants.



Above, Bob Krcelic, SETAF Lead Planner for LF07 and SF07 (left), with COL Erik Wagenaar, Director of the USAREUR G3 Exercise Division. Below, LF07 participants shown on 13 Dec 06.



**VIP Visits during LF07.** During LF07, there were over a dozen general officer visits from the US, UK, GE, and FR, as well as numerous civilian VIPs. The USAREUR leadership visited the exercise, including GEN McKiernan the USAREUR CG, LTG Speer the USAREUR DCG, MG Hertling the USAREUR G3, and BG Perkins the JMCTC CDR. JMCTC personnel gave a presentation and facilitated a discussion on training for a UK delegation that included both the incoming and outgoing Permanent Joint Force Headquarters (PJHQ) Training Officer (J7), both 1-stars. The JMCTC DDOS also gave a presentation and facilitated discussion with a group of visiting ambassadors during the exercise.



From left to right above: 1) GEN McKiernan meets LF07 participants from various nations; 2) GEN McKiernan speaks with MG Helmick the SETAF CDR about the exercise; 3) Ambassador Yates (EUCOM POLAD), Ambassador Ordway (U.S. Ambassador to Kazakhstan), and Ambassador Stewart (U.S. Ambassador to Belarus) pose for a picture; 4) MG Hertling and COL Touzinsky, the EUCOM CoS, discuss exercises with the ambassadors; 5) Ambassador Yates talks with Frank McCaffery, the Lead Interagency Planner for the Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC) and Craig Campbell the EUCOM Desk Officer for JWFC; 6) left, US and UK personnel pose for a picture after discussions about training between JMCTC and PJHQ trainers.



**DRAGOON BASE III / FTI Experimentation.** JMCTC completed successful experimentation with the newly established Fixed Tactical Internet (FTI) during exercise Dragoon Base III (DB III) in December. The 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment (2SCR) conducted DB III from 27 Nov - 8 Dec 06 at Vilseck, Grafenwöhr, and Hohenfels simultaneously. FTI supplements the Enhanced Position Locating and Reporting System (EPLRS) network support normally provided by the Signal Company organic to STRYKER Brigades. FTI supports data transfer for Force XXI Battle Command Brigade & Below (FBCB2) situational awareness and other digital systems and can provide connectivity to other simulations and training systems, (Joint Live, Virtual & Constructive Federation). The FTI presently installed to support the Grafenwöhr Training Area (GTA) was born from the impending re-stationing of the 2SCR to Vilseck. In the Spring 2006, the JMCTC CG convened three Training Initiatives Teams (Tiger Teams). The purpose of the teams was to develop the way ahead for functional unit rotations, urban operations live fire exercise design, and simulations and instrumentation to improve training for USAREUR soldiers and units. The goal of the simulations team was to figure out how to provide a FTI capability that covered GTA and could possibly link with an separate EPLRS network, operated by the 2SCR at Hohenfels Training Area (HTA) via an extended network.



2SCR TOC at Vilseck during DB III, note ASTi radios in the foreground of the middle picture.

The JMCTC was fielded FTI to support 2SCR training requirements with funding and assistance from the Program Executive Office – Simulation, Training & Instrumentation (PEO STRI) / Army Training Support Center (ATSC) Team. Installation was completed in Oct 06. The fielding of FTI requires several EPLRS radio sites that transmit data by line-of-site with each other. There are four remote EPLRS sites in the GTA that collectively provide line-of-site and a base station location in Camp Aachen (see photos, of all FTI sites except the Vilseck Motorpool). General Dynamics Information Technologies (GDIT, formerly the Anteon Corporation), under contract to PEO STRI directed the installation (concrete pads, fence, etc) and testing of the FTI. JMCTC is the proponent agency in JMCTC for the scheduling and operation of the FTI. Through teaming with 2SCR and 69th Signal Battalion, JMCTC was able to conduct testing to confirm the feasibility of extending the Regiment's data and voice networks over extended distances, beyond line of sight (BLOS). During this exercise FTI proved to be a great success. This effort successfully linked multiple deployed TOCs at HTA to the Regimental TOC located at Vilseck via a classified TACLANE Tunnel through NIPRNet, as well as SA from FBCB2-equipped platforms located at the GTA over the FTI.



In conclusion, the results of the experimentation proved that extended networks could be used to link multiple EPLRS networks together BLOS to display COP data from multiple, distant locations on one COP system (FBCB2 or MCS). An additional facet of the experiment was the successful extension of secure voice communications via a classified TACLANE tunnel through NIPRNet using the ASTi radio system. This technology could potentially be used to support 2SCR operational C2 requirements for data transfer from Out-of-Sector training locations to Sanctuary, provided the data circuit is present. More testing will be conducted in the future to determine more potential uses for FTI.

*Special thanks go out to Mr. Lasch and his JMCTC Models and Simulations Branch and the following individuals for their role in the FTI testing during DB III: MSG Girard (2SCR), WO1 Anderson (2SCR), CW2 Crowell (2SCR), Jeff Starks (69th Sig), Mr. Darryl Lewis (JMCTC/DSCI), Mr. Brian Sutton (JMCTC/DSCI) and Mr. Randy Cornelius (JMCTC/DSCI), as well as the entire FTI crew [(Ms. Susanne Bush (FTI PM), Ms. Paula Brooks (FTI Yakima) and Mr. Terry Ryan (FTI Gordon)], they made the FTI test successful.*

**STABLE GAURDIAN 07-01.** From 03-08 DEC, CPT Wink deployed to Zagan, Poland in support of STABLE GUARDIAN 07-01 (SG 07-01). SG 07-01 was a simulations training exercise designed to prepare the headquarters staff of a Polish Army brigade that is to soon deploy to central Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. CPT Wink worked and consulted with Polish officers in the MEL/MIL Cell to improve scenario injects and to ensure smooth coordination with the HICON. *Photo: Polish army officers arrive at a live fire demonstration during SG 07-01. The live fire was jointly performed by Polish Army soldiers and a platoon from 1-4 IN from Hohenfels.*



**SHARP FOCUS 07 (SF07) Preparation.** Communications and support personnel from JFCOM, USAREUR, 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, and JMCTC are in the process of adjusting the LF07 exercise footprint to the SF07 room builds. Overall the setup for SF07 will expand off room builds for LF07. LF07 was conducted last month and most of the automation equipment was left in place; SF07 will have many more personnel and therefore a much larger footprint than LF07. Over 50 buildings in Camp Aachen will be used to support this exercise that will include about 1,600 participants. The last preparatory event in the Joint Exercise Life Cycle (JELC) will be the SF07 ET#3. It begins next week and continues until STARTEX. ET#3 will be led by JWFC and hosted by JMCTC. It will include participants from JMCTC, USAREUR, JWFC, National Simulation Center (NSC), UK, GE, FR, and other organizations. It will feature end-to-end testing of the simulations and communications architecture for the exercise and all associated databases. These systems and databases will remain in place through the exercise execution (22-30 Jan 07). The results of SF07 will be highlighted in the February edition of the JMCTC Newsletter. *Photo at right shows left to right, Mr. Kevin Czarkowski, the SETAF Deputy Planner for LF07 and SF07, Lt Col Dave Warner, the EUCOM Lead Planner for SF07 (exchange officer), and Mr. Steve Alvarado, the USAREUR Lead Planner for SF07. They all participated in LF07 the Ramp-Up Exercise for SF07.*





**SETAF BSB Exercise.** JMCTC contractors conducted training with DARWARs at the Schweinfurt Battle Command Training Center (BCTC) "Spoke Site" for the SETAF Brigade Support Battalion. They trained 25-30 company level leaders each day from 4-8 Dec.

**News.** We got our new tractor / snow plow last month. See Mr. Hodnett, shown here, if you would like to get checked out as a volunteer driver. The picture to the right shows the inside of our new SCIF, which will be a T-SCIF during SF07. It will be completed and certified in February. Look for an update on our Building 2000 / LAN 4 renovation plans in an upcoming newsletter. Work begins soon, we will move in this summer. Due to our recent efforts, JMTC and JMCTC were selected for Joint National Training Center (JNTC) accreditation and certification respectively in FY07. More information on this will also be included in an upcoming newsletter.



**Spoke Site Spotlight – Hohenfels.** JMCTC oversees contract support and/or works closely with six Battle Command Training Center (BCTC) "Spoke Sites." They are in Baumholder, Kaiserslautern, Einsiedlerhof, Vicenza, Schweinfurt/Bamberg, and Hohenfels. This month's JMCTC spoke spotlight is on Hohenfels. The L3 Services Group (LSG) mission at Hohenfels is to provide support to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC). This support includes computer driven battle simulations and on-the-ground rotational exercises from the initial orders preparation through the final AAR for the client unit. In order to accomplish the mission, LSG's Hohenfels site is further divided into three sub sites: 1) the Building 1 Writing Team, supporting JMRC Operations with complete Exercise Operations Orders (OPORDs); 2) Building 100 Live-Virtual-Constructive (LVC) Team, providing OPORD, HICON and LVC support for the Battle Simulations Center for the Leader Development Program; 3) the Albertshof Team has the responsibility of providing scenario support, throughout the exercise life cycle, to on-station rotational units participating in full spectrum CTC/Expeditionary Training Center exercises and Mission Rehearsal Exercises, both on-site and as an Expeditionary Support Cell.

#### Hails.

**WO1 Paul Fenn.** Arrived at JMCTC on 27 Nov 06 from Darmstadt, GE where he was assigned as a Network Technician, 440th Sig Bn, he is now assigned to Comms/IT Branch.

**CPT Jason Miller.** Arrived at JMCTC on 30 Nov 06 from Schweinfurt, GE where he was assigned as the XO HHT, 1-91 CAV, he is now assigned to Operations Branch (NATO Exercises).

**CPT Jonelle Enguillado.** Arrived at JMCTC on 20 Dec 06 from Iraq where she was assigned to Information Operations/MNC-I JOC, she is now assigned to Intel and Security Branch.

#### Farewells.

**MAJ Josh Lenzini.** MAJ Lenzini has served as the JMCTC Operations Officer and Executive Officer from Aug 04 to Jan 07. He departs today for MNF-I duty. He is shown here with his wife Lisa after receiving a Meritorious Service Award and picture signed by JMCTC personnel in recognition of his contributions during his tour.

**PFC Kristyann Chavez.** PFC Chavez will complete her military service on 15 Jan 07. She has been a dedicated member of the Communications Branch since her arrival in Jan 05. We wish her the best in civilian life. We'll farewell her soon.

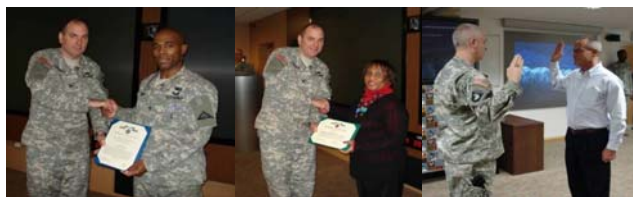


#### Awards and Promotions.

**SFC Marlon Green.** SFC Green received the Air Force Achievement Medal for his service at the Warrior Preparation Center (WPC).

**Ms. Martha Hill.** Martha received the Civilian Achievement Medal and two Certificates of appreciation for her service at the WPC.

**Tom Lasch.** Tom was promoted to GS-14, effective 24 Dec 06 (nice X-mas present). He is shown taking the oath of office, photo at far right.



**JMTC Holiday Ball.** The JMTC Holiday Ball was held in Weiden on 15 Dec. The photos are of JMCTC personnel and their spouses.



**JMCTC Christmas Party.** The JMCTC Pot Luck Christmas Party was held on 21 December. Over 70 JMCTC personnel and family members participated. In addition to lots of great food, there were simulation training demonstrations and Christmas movies. Santa Claus visited the kids, took Christmas requests, and posed with them for photos. It was a great event. *Special thanks to SSG Lomonaco, who was the driving force behind the Christmas party, and to Steve Schneider, Monica Schmidt, Martha Hill, Joanne McCauley, SGT Dinatale, and everyone else that helped.*



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**Closing Thoughts.** The JMCTC continues to rapidly grow and evolve as an organization. We will achieve end-state in July, as remaining Army positions assigned to the Warrior Preparation Center are transitioned to Grafenwöhr. Continue to focus on establishing and improving policies and procedures as we undertake new missions. January will be a very busy month with SF07 preparation and execution continuing through the month. Other exercises will soon follow to include the 1<sup>st</sup> AD WFX, IRON FOCUS, in March. *JMCTC Government personnel shown at right.*

Thanks for a great year of training, looking forward to an even better coming year,  
LTC Seitz, JMCTC DDOS

